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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING SUBSTRATE CARRIERS
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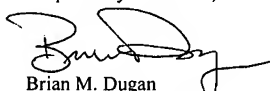
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 6,607,073, Buchi et al.
U.S. Patent No. 5,996,776, Van Zijderveld
U.S. Patent No. 5,573,106, Stebnicki
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U.S. Patent No. 2,268,542, Bergmann
U.S. Patent No. 2,157,283, Dyson
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0173191,
Hammock et al.

These references are also listed on the accompanying
Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449)

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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